



State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
**2009 NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA
ROOSEVELT ELK HUNT**



General Information: Congratulations on receiving a tag for the Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk Hunt! We hope that your hunt will be a successful one. A small number of elk occur on public land within the hunt area, but most occur on private property. If you intend to hunt on private property, we encourage you to arrange trespass permission with a landowner well in advance of the hunt. Some of the elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars. If you harvest a collared elk, please contact David Lancaster at (707) 498-1908 so that we can make arrangements to obtain the collar as soon as possible. Information regarding the regulations for this hunt may be found at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/roosevelt/northwestern.html>

Public Landowner Contacts: Public lands within the zone that allow hunting are administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS), Six Rivers National Forest, 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501 (707-442-1721), and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (707-825-2300).

Maps: USFS maps are available locally at most USFS offices; by contacting the USFS Pacific Southwest Regional Office at: 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 (707-562-8737); or ordered by phone (406-329-3024), fax (406-329-3030), mail at USDA Forest Service, National Forest Store, P.O. Box 8268, Missoula, MT 59807, or on-line at <http://www.nationalforeststore.com/>. Maps of the Six Rivers National Forest or BLM lands within the zone may be obtained from the USFS or BLM, or from many local sporting goods retailers in the area. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps may be helpful for detailing topographic features not displayed on USFS or BLM maps. Detailed USGS quad maps covering any portion of the hunt area, including private property, may be obtained from local sporting goods retailers or from the USGS directly: USGS Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225 (888-ASK-USGS) or online (<http://store.usgs.gov/>). Maps may also be obtained from other online or mapping-software publishers.

Weather: Weather conditions are variable and may range from heavy rain and fog with cool temperatures through clear skies and warm temperatures.

Camping: Contact the USFS or BLM regarding camping on their ownerships. Public campgrounds also exist within local State and National Parks, but they should be consulted regarding restrictions on firearms and the possession of game. Numerous private campgrounds open to hunters also exist within the area.

Outfitters and Guides: A list of licensed guides can be obtained online (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/pdf/files/licenseguideslist.pdf>).

Care of Meat: Roosevelt elk are large animals. The weight of adult bulls average over 660 pounds. Please consider that field dressing and transporting a harvested elk from the field can be very arduous work. In addition, black bears are common in the hunt area so hunters should be prepared to avoid leaving a harvested carcass in the field overnight in a manner accessible to bears. Please be prepared to transport the carcass out of the field in a timely manner and properly hang those portions that must be left out overnight. We recommend that hunters who are inexperienced with handling game as large as elk acquire the knowledge needed to do so successfully prior to going out into the field. Department staff is available to answer questions that you may have, and information may be obtained from experienced hunters, sporting goods stores, and literature. Cold storage and meat processing facilities can be found in several towns including: Eureka, Arcata, Crescent City, Loleta, and Ferndale.

Collection of Teeth: The Department requests that hunters collect the two front teeth from their harvested elk and send them to the Department for age analysis. Directions are provided on the tooth envelope included with this flyer. Take care to not break the roots of the teeth because that is the area where age data is collected. Cutting each tooth away from the gum and avoiding undue prying pressure on the tooth works best. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil.

Deer Season Overlap: Please be aware that the timing of this hunt may partially overlap with that of the B-1 and/or B-4 deer seasons. Depending where and when you hunt, you may encounter deer hunters in the field.

Additional Information: All hunters must return elk tags to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season regardless whether they harvested an elk. If you have any questions regarding this hunt, please contact Wildlife Management staff at our Eureka office, 619 Second Street, Eureka, California 95501 or by telephone (707) 445-6493. Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.